

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 457

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike “or” and substitute “and”; in line 7, strike “and” and substitute “providing a certain exception;”; and in line 8, after “coverage” insert “; and generally relating to requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 2 and 5, in each instance, before “DRUGS” insert “PRESCRIPTION”; in line 3, after “STATE;” insert “AND”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 5 down through “TITLE” in line 9.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 21, insert:

“(C) (1) A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY REQUEST AND AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL GRANT THE REQUEST FOR AN EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE POLICY, PLAN, OR CONTRACT FOR THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE REQUIRED COVERAGE CONFLICTS WITH THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION’S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES.

“(2) A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT OBTAINS AN EXCLUSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEES REASONABLE AND TIMELY NOTICE OF THE EXCLUSION.

“(3) THE PREMIUM RATE FOR A POLICY, PLAN, OR CONTRACT OF AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE RELIGIOUS

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ORGANIZATION'S EXCLUSION FROM THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER  
SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION."